

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Recently, various types of electronic equipment, which utilize a detachable memory card incorporating thereinto a solid-state memory as an information storage section, have come onto the market. In this type of electronic equipment, in order to use the memory card, it is necessary that the memory card is mounted on the electronic equipment so that a connector section of the memory card is electrically connected with a connector section of the electronic equipment. In this electrically connected condition, the electric processing between the memory card and the electronic equipment is carried out, so that data transmission therebetween can be performed.

**Please replace the first full paragraph on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

There is known a memory card ejecting apparatus capable of preventing occurrence of destroythe destruction of data of the memory card, even if an operation of ejecting the memory card is carried out during execution of the electric processing for the memory card. For example, it is a general structure that open and shut of a media cover is detected by a switch, so that a power source is turned off in the open state.

**Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Further, in order to implement safe writing and reading of data to the recording medium inserted into a digital camera, there is known a technology of ensuring safety of the recording

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medium in such a manner that at an insertion slot for inserting a recording medium into a digital camera, there are provided a cover for inhibiting ejection and insertion of the recording medium in the closed state and a switch for detecting open and close states of the cover, and a control apparatus for performing communication with the digital camera so that it does not request a reading operation and a writing operation for the recording medium until the cover is closed, when it is detected that the cover is opened (for example, cf. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Gazette TokuKai Hei.10-42231 (Pages 2-6, Fig. 1)).

**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

According to the above-mentioned related art, the prevention of ejection and insertion of the media in conduction while the media is energized is implemented by means of providing a detection mechanism of an open and close state of a media cover. However, this technology involves problems such as a power failure due to chattering by external impact (vibration) and cost up increases due to addition of the detection mechanism. Further, in the event that the detection mechanism brings about a malfunction, it would be difficult to prevent data from being destroyed, and thus there is a problem as to poor reliability.

**Please replace the third full paragraph on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

According to the present invention, it is permitted to eject recording media only when the power switch is turned off. In other words, it is inhibited that the recording media is ejected

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when the power switch is turned on. Therefore, it is possible to prevent the occurrence of damage ~~ef~~to the recording media.

**Please replace the sixth full paragraph on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

A camera 10 comprises a lens 11, a release button 12, and a movable grip 13. The movable grip 13 is a hand holding part of a camera which is movable to adapt for holding the camera with hand when the camera is on duty for ~~photo~~graphing photographing, and to adapt for fitting the camera in a carrying case. The movable grip 13 is movable in directions as shown by an arrow 14. When the movable grip 13 is in a state as shown in Fig. 1, the movable grip 13 serves to turn on a power switch (not illustrated), so that a cover 20 of a recording media storage section is held ~~not~~so as not to be opened.

**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 4 is an explanatory view useful for understanding openthe opening and closethe closing of the cover 20 of a media holding section. Fig. 4 shows an outer surface of the cover 20. As shown in part (a) of Fig. 4, the cover 20 is drawn out in a direction as shown by an arrow 2222' from a state that the cover 20 is mounted on the camera 10. And when it ~~becomes~~is in a state as shown in part (b) of Fig. 4, as shown in Fig. 3, a lock section 23 fixing the cover 20 is disengaged from an engagement section 22, so that the cover 20 is rotatably movable. When the cover 20 is opened as shown in Fig. 3, the insertion section 32 of the recording media 30 opens.

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**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 7 is a typical explanatory view of still another embodiment in which a power switch 50 is slide-slideable in a direction as shown by an arrow 51, so that a pin 54 is inserted into a hole 2222" of the cover 20 via a pin 52 and a lift cam 53.

**Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

According to the present invention, open and close of the cover are structurally inhibited in a state that the power switch turns on, and thus it is possible to surely achieve the object of the present invention without occurrence of the a cost up-increase by increment of parts.

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

As mentioned above, according to the present invention, it is possible to provide a recording media protecting mechanism in a digital camera in which a power switch is movable, without occurrence of the cost up-increase by increment of parts, in such a manner that the cover of the recording media storage section is structurally inhibited from being opened at the time of turn-on of the power switch.